

Saint Joseph and the Word

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Saint Joseph was the most silent saint of all.
No one has written down one word of his
for our edification. Not one small
word of his was saved unless it is
the Word that was the sum of all his life,
the precious Word he saved for everyone
that It might speak the cross, and not the knife,
long, long after he was dead and gone
and gathered to his fathers, and never again
could he spirit the Child and the young girl, his mother,
out of the dangerous city. From all men
of all times he was chosen and no other –
not one from among the prophets – but this rarely heard
and wordless man, to save God's mighty Word.